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## **REPORT, 1987-88: NEW JERSEY REGION**

A meeting was held in June of 1987 at Assumption Rectory in Emerson, New Jersey, to plan for the establishment of the New Jersey Region of the Mariological Society of America. Ten priests were in attendance. Officers were elected: Rev. Frederick Miller, President; Rev. Dennis Kaelin, Vice-President; Rev. Charles Costello, Secretary; and Rev. John Quill, Treasurer. At that meeting we made plans for a Marian Congress to be held on October 10, 1987, at Felician College in Lodi, New Jersey.

The congress was a great success. Mother Angelica gave the keynote address titled: "Mary Full of Grace." Rev. Frederick Jelly, O.P., spoke on the encyclical letter *Redemptoris Mater* and Sister Mary Frederick, M.C., Regional Superior of the Missionaries of Charity, spoke on true devotion to Mary. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Most Rev. Jerome Pechillo, T.O.R., and the homily was given in English by Rev. Frederick Miller, and in Spanish by Rev. John Quill. Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey, visited the congress and addressed the participants. Over 1,400 people attended the Marian Congress.

Over the course of the year, more than 100 people have joined the Society, and we are planning a meeting for the fall of 1988 and also another Marian event.

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